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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] OSI Staff
Room 6G22, Headquarters

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Division, ADPS

SUBJECT : Acquisition of IBM 7090 Computer

This is to request a memo from AD/SI supporting the plan to acquire an IBM 7090 in support of "scientific" computing needs of the Agency.

1. Computer support needs of the IBM 7090 category exist in all four of the Agency's Deputy Directorates.
2. The most urgent of these needs, in terms of time requirements, stems from the DD/R. (Desired installation date: July 1963)
3. ADPS considers OSI's interest in establishing in-house a large-scale "scientific" computing capability to be a major element of the justification at this point in time for this Agency to acquire such a capability.

5. The question of acquiring an IBM 7090 computer in support of large-scale "scientific" computing needs of the Agency is now under active consideration at the Deputy Director level.

6. The DD/R has recently sent to the DD/S an urgent request that the DD/S proceed to acquire a large-scale scientific computer. (ADPS

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recommends the IBM 7090 as the most proven machine of the large-scale scientific class and the machine having a stronger software back-up than any other machine made.)

7. I feel that a statement from the AD/SI now attesting to his interest in having an in-house scientific computing capability of the IBM 7090 class would be very timely indeed. I understand Dr. Wheelon's interests to be very real. His official and direct expression of them now should do much to make a reality of a 7090 for CIA.

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